

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

No claims are amended, claims 9-15, 17, and 18 are canceled, and claims 25-31 are added; as a result, claims 1-7 and 19-31 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-7 and 19-24 were allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-7 and 19-24.

New Claims

Applicant has added claims 25-31. These claims are machine-readable medium claims that include features of claims 1-7, which The Office Action has indicated are allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 25-31 are allowable for at least the reasons given for allowance of claims 1-7.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 9-15 and 17-18 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gomez et al. (U.S. 2002/0160826) in view of Pease et al. (U.S. 5,759,102). Applicant has cancelled claims 9-15, 17, and 18. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application. Furthermore, Applicant does not acquiesce to any assertions regarding these claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at 612-371-2169 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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